GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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TRIVALENT VACCINE FOR POLIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that children are getting affected by Polio belonging to P3 viruses even after receiving three doses ;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported alongwith the action taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to revert to Trivalent vaccine in the next phase of immunization; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

Out of total 26 cases detected so far during 2005, three are Polio Type 3 cases reported from the districts of Rampur, Shahjahanpur and Moradabad of Western Uttar Pradesh. The last P3 case was from Mordabad in the month of June 2005. In the districts of Rampur, Moradabad,Bareilly, Badaun and Shahajanpur, trivalent vaccine has been reintroduced since end of July 2005. The second round with the trivalent vaccine has been planned to be implemented in the last week of August 2005. Efforts to improve quality of the immunization rounds in these districts have been intensified. Intensive monitoring of the programme in these districts is being undertaken by the highest level of officials of Government of India and Government of UP.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Government has already reverted to trivalent vaccine. Monogalent Type 1 Polio Vaccine was used in 3 rounds in the month of April, May and June 2005 in the highest risk areas namely Western UP, Bihar and Mumbai. Monovalent type 1 vaccine was also used for 2 rounds in Central/Eastern UP, Delhi and four districts of Uttaranchal. This has resulted in a suppression of Polio Type 1 Virus circulation in the country. The Government has already reverted to the trivalent vaccine during the round conducted in July and will be used in the round to be held in the last week of August, 2005.